

(2) (I) ~~THE COMMISSION SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO GUARANTEE THAT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN THE STATE AND THE PUBLIC POLICY OF THE STATE REGARDING CAPITAL PUNISHMENT SO THAT THEY ARE FREE FROM BIAS AND ERROR AND DESIGNED TO GUARANTEE~~ ACHIEVE FAIRNESS AND ACCURACY.

(II) THE RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL ADDRESS:

1. RACIAL DISPARITIES;
2. JURISDICTIONAL DISPARITIES;
3. SOCIO-ECONOMIC DISPARITIES;
4. THE RISK OF INNOCENT PEOPLE BEING EXECUTED;
5. ~~EVOLVING STANDARDS OF PROPRIETY REGARDING STATE EXECUTIONS; AND~~ A COMPARISON OF THE EFFECTS OF PROLONGED COURT CASES INVOLVING CAPITAL PUNISHMENT AND THOSE INVOLVING LIFE IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE;
6. A COMPARISON OF THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DEATH SENTENCES AND THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SENTENCES OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE; AND
7. THE IMPACT OF DNA EVIDENCE IN ASSURING FAIRNESS AND ACCURACY IN CAPITAL CASES.

(J) THE COMMISSION SHALL MAKE A FINAL REPORT, AND IF APPLICABLE, A MINORITY REPORT, ON ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15, 2008.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to affect in any way the law concerning the death penalty, including the procedures and time frames for notifications, determinations, and judicial review of death penalty decisions.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of